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Tabular view of the Public Schools in the town of Bennington for 1880-81.

Number of District.			
No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Terms.
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. 1 Emma F. Robertson, 2 " " 3 " " GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT. 1 Emma J. Naylor, 2 " " 3 " " 1 Nellie M. Dean, 2 Leona Chaney, 1 Mary J. Manahan, *.....			TEACHERS.
			Weeks of School.
			Number of Scholars.
			Males.
			Females.
			Average Attendance.
			Tardiness.
			Dismissals.
			Not absent one-half day.
			Attending to Read'g and Spel'g.
			Penmanship.
			Arithmetic.
			Grammar.
			Geography.
			History.
			Composition.
			Other Studies.
			Wages of teacher per month, including board.
			Visits by S. S. Committee.
			Visits by Prudential Committee
			Visits by citizens and others.
			Average amount expended on each scholar per week.

*Register destroyed by fire and school closed abruptly without examination.

TEXT BOOKS IN USE;—Bible; Franklin Series of Readers; Warren's Word Speller; Colburn's Mental and McVicker's complete Arithmetic; Cornell's and Harper's Geographies; Kerl's Grammar; Goodrich's Child's History, and Quackenbos' History of the United States; Mayhew's Book-Keeping; Dunton and Scribner's System of Penmanship.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

M. M. GEORGE, Prudential Committee. EMMA F. ROBERTSON, Teacher.

The three terms in this department were taught by Miss Robertson with her usual success. Our former notices of this teacher will apply with equal force to the terms taught the past year. Thoroughness was witnessed in all the studies, and the progress such as reflects great credit upon teacher and scholars.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

EMMA J. NAHOR, teacher. The three terms of school, the past year, taught by this teacher, was a decided success. With a natural fondness for children, and realizing the responsibilities resting upon her, she was faithful in the discharge of her duties. A mild yet firm discipline reigned during the year. The scholars catching the enthusiasm of the teacher made rapid progress in their studies, and the insubordination formerly seen in this department appears to be done away with, let us hope never to return.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEORGE COLBY, Prudential Committee. NELLIE M. DEAN, teacher. First term.

This was the teacher's first effort at school teaching, and of

course she did not bring that experience so necessary for a successful school. The scholars made fair progress in their studies, and the order in the school-room appeared to be good.

Second term. LEONA CHANEY, teacher. Considering the shortness of the term this was an excellent school, and reflects much credit upon teacher and pupils. A lack of funds to prolong the school is a serious evil in this district. Well would it be for the scholars if some means could be devised to raise more money and prolong the school. A term of only six weeks is too short for any real, substantial progress to be made in any of the necessary branches of study.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

LORENZO ROGERS, Prudential Committee. MARY J. MANAHAN, teacher.

This union district had but one term of five weeks. The teacher was zealous in her efforts to interest and advance her scholars, and if her labors had not been cut short would have been crowned with success. The school closed without an examination, but from our one visit we were satisfied that a good work was being accomplished.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy during a term.

Term.	1.	2.	3.		1.	2.	3.
Adams Burt,	"	"	"	Bessie Sharpless,	"		
Frank Dickey,	"			Florence Twitchell,		"	
John Eaton,	"	"		Bertha Twitche",		"	
George Foote,	"			Abbie Hood,		"	
Charles Gray.	"		"	Lottie E. Balch,		"	"
Fred Knights,	"			Effie Ross,			"
George Knights,	"		"	Nora Dodge,	"	"	"
Scott Knights,	"		"	Jennie Dodge,	"		
Harry Ross,	"		"	Grace Wilson,	"	"	
George Smith,	"			Mary Woods,	"	"	
Fred Richardson,	"	"		Lulu Dodge,	"		
Clintie Carkin,	"		"	Anna Burt,	"	"	
Mabel Dickey,	"	"		Lura Ross.	"		
Lizzie Eaton,	"	"	"	Flora Holt,	"		

Mary Wilson,	" "	Fannie Flanders,	" "
Lillie Martin,	" "	Edna Flanders,	" "
Mary Rogers,	" " "	Hattie Kimball,	" "
Ellen Eaton,	" "	Edith L. Lawrence,	" "
Willie Whitney,	" "	Fred H. Colby,	" "
Eddie Whitney,	" "	Willie H. Colby,	" "
George Gray,	" "	Edward Newton,	" "
Hillie Burt,	" "	James R. Colby,	" "
Anna F. Colby,	" "	John J. Bullard,	" "
Augusta Bullard,	" "	David Rogers,	" "

REMARKS.

The revolving seasons have brought us to the close of another school year, where we can survey the ground passed over and note its results. "*Watchman what of the night,*" and the answer comes back "the morning breaketh." So with our schools the past year. The light of a new era is growing brighter and brighter in our public schools. An unusual amount of perseverance and energy on the part of the scholars, and the faithful efforts of the teachers have advanced our schools far beyond any previous year.

The great aim of our school system is to educate the generation that is to come after us, not as we were educated merely but as much better as possible. Let us secure the best teachers, the best text books, and give to our schools our best efforts for their ultimate success. One of the causes that has operated so favorably upon our scholars in awakening a new interest in books, is the donation of a

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of about three hundred volumes by the noble ladies of Bennington. They deserve the highest meed of praise for their generous gift, and as they ask no pecuniary consideration they will yet receive their reward "after many days," in the increased interest of the young people in the pursuit of knowledge.

TO THE SCHOLARS

I would say, there are two objects before you, and two paths that lead to them,—the one is the path to industry, intelligence

and usefulness, that will lead to respectability and honor in this life. The other the path of ignorance, indolence and vice, that will cause you in your last days to be disrespected and dishonored. To gain the one requires a strong effort on your part—a deep fixed principle—grappling with and overcoming the obstacles in your pathway. To gain the other you need but neglect the school and its privileges, be idle and indolent, disregard every good rule of the school, treat the teachers with disrespect, shun the company of the good, and seek the companionship of the vile and disolute, and your object will be thoroughly accomplished. Strive then in the morning of life for the better way.

ONE WORD IN REGARD TO PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

The character of our schools depend very much upon the Prudential committees, and great care should be taken by the district in selecting the best men for that position. They should not be elected because it is their *turn*, but because they fully appreciate the responsibilities of the office, and are willing to devote their time to this object. Let them select those teachers only who have an established reputation of possessing those qualifications so necessary for the training of youth. Not the cheapest teachers but the best should be rule. A short orderly school if it costs more, is better than a long disorderly one. We are happy to report that during the past year mostly first class teachers were employed, and consequently our schools have been model schools.

SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EACH DISTRICT.

District No. 1,	\$396 14	District No. 3,	\$22 96
“ “ 2,	57 25		

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN H. FLEMING,

Superintending School Committee.

Bennington, March 1st, 1881.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

The Selectmen to the town,

DR.

To taxes uncollected on Colby's list of 1878,	\$ 257 79
" " " " Burt's list of 1879,	323 18
" amount of taxes on Burt's list of 1880,	3401 38- \$3982 35

CR.

By paying William Eaton from Colby's list of 1878,	\$ 138 61
Abatements on Colby's list of 1878,	103 40
Paying Geo. Colby for collecting,	9 83
" " " " overtax on list of 1877,	6 25
By paying from Burt's list of 1880,	2539 73
Abatements on Burt's list of 1880,	44 64
Not collected on Burt's list of 1880,	817 01
Abated on Burt's list of 1879,	14 45
By paying treasurer from Burt's list of 1879,	308 73- \$3982 65

William Eaton, Treasurer, to the town,

DR.

To ballance of money from last year,	\$ 442 01
Money from Colby's list of 1878,	138 61
" " Burt's list of 1879,	311 08
Interest on Burt's list of 1879,	7 28
Money from Burt's list of 1880,	2539 73
" " Selectmen,	82 42
" for use of Town Hall,	34 00
Railroad tax,	20 62
Savings Bank tax,	331 41
Literary Fund,	38 85
Non-Resident highway tax,	73 96
Money borrowed of William Eaton,	200 00- \$4219 97

William Eaton,

Cr.

By paying State tax,	\$500 00	
" " County tax,	476 79-	\$976 79

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1,	\$396 14	
" " 2,	65 85	
" " 3,	22 96-	\$484 95

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid for dinner and stage fare to Nashua for Mrs. Nott,	\$ 1 60	
Paid Geo. B. Paige for boarding Mehitable Paige,	76 00	
Paid John Muzzey, boarding and lodging tramps,	2 00	
" G. B. Paige, boarding Mrs. Paige,	12 00-	\$91 60

ROADS AND BRIDGES, (in addition to highway tax.)

G. S. Holt, repairing road,	\$ 4 00	
Wm. Taylor, work and lumber,	12 95	
E. A. Holt, work on highway,	2 00	
J. E. Favor, " " "	5 85	
J. E. King, plank and stringers	19 50-	\$44 30

BREAKING ROADS.

George A. Dickey,	\$ 2 25	
Wm. H. Darrah,	3 00	
C. D. Woodbridge,	10 42	
J. C. Dodge,	7 20	
George E. Colby,	17 20	
Levi Colby,	3 00	
George S. Holt,	5 50	
Lewis A. Knight,	5 00	
Moses A. Newton,	2 40	
Benj. D. Welch,	11 70	
James M. Quimby,	13 75	
Wm. L. Taylor,	6 13	
James E. Favor,	12 98	
James Foote,	3 21	
John Muzzey,	4 25	
E. A. Holt,	2 10-	\$110 09

MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Wesley Wilson, 1st selectman,	\$ 54 86	
George S. Holt, 2nd "	34 00	
E. A. Holt, 3d "	33 00	
Wesley Wilson, overseer of poor,	4 00	
M. M. George, town clerk,	15 00	
William Eaton, town treasurer,	15 00	
John H. Fleming, S. S. Committee,	15 00	
John W. Flagg, 1st supervisor,	5 00	
Benj. D. Felch, 1st "	12 00	
Frank B. Gould, 2nd "	6 75	
Edward B. Dodge, 3d "	2 25	
John H. Fleming, Auditor,	2 00	
Hartwell Lakin, "	2 00	
M. M. George, sexton,	11 00	
Henry J. Burt, collector, 1879,	32 63-	\$244 49

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

John W. Flagg, on town note,	\$ 162 93	
Mrs. C. S. A. Hodgkins, town note,	50 00	
Samuel Abbott, note and interest paid,	73 08	
Amos Whittemore, Congrega'n'l Society note,	12 00	
David Rogers, note and interest paid,	168 40	
Lydia Pollard's note and interest paid,	1424 07-	\$1890 48

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

J. B. Sanborn, books and express,	\$ 2 65	
Library Committee, for library shelves,	4 05	
To furnishing library room,	10 00	
For books for library,	10 00	
Ed J. Thompson, printing town reports,	15 10	
Mrs. Wm. Darrah, overtax 1879,	4 80	
Northern Railroad, plank for engine,	90	
George S. Holt, labor and expense for engine,	4 50	
John Muzzey, settees for hall,	24 00	
F. D. K. Hoar, staining and varnishing settees,	7 46	
G. A. Whittemore, stain for settees,	1 00	
Fred L. Nay, painting fire engine,	40 00	
Hunneman & Co., for suction hose,	76 00	
John Muzzey, express on hose,	1 80	
Luke W. Hill, setting tire on hose carriage,	1 50	

G. H. H. Silsby, checklists, warrants and ex.,	\$ 2 31	
A. W. Gray's present to town library,	2 00	
F. B. Gould, for work on fire engine,	3 00	
Edward Hersey, care of fire engine,	25 00	
C. E. Eaton, nails for bridge,	43	
Moses H. Newton, damage on wagon,	3 50	
Chas. F. Balch, oak posts and setting,	1 75	
B. D. Felch, lot of spikes,	75	
R. V. Knight, expense and labor on town hall,	23 64	
Wm. L. Taylor, watering trough,	3 00	
Moses H. Newton, " "	1 50	
Fire engine men,	24 75	
W. E. Downes, bill for lamps, zinc and tacks,	2 10	
J. E. King, wood for library,	1 70	
Wesley Wilson, attending court, car fare and board at hotel, etc.,	24 85-	\$324 04

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts put into the treasurer's hands from March 1st, 1880 to March 1st, 1881,	\$4219 97
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Credit by paying the following sums,

State tax,	\$500 00	
County tax,	476 79	
School orders,	484 95	
Support of paupers,	91 60	
Roads and bridges, in addition to highway tax,	44 30	
Breaking roads,	110 09	
Notes and interest paid,	1890 48	
Town officers,	244 49	
Miscellaneous town expenses,	324 04	
Non-Resident highway receipts,	73 96-	\$4240 70

Leaving a deficiency in treasury of	\$20 73
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Abatement of taxes on Colby's list of 1878.

Fred E. Cole,	\$ 1 56
Chas. H. Favor,	1 50
Alfred Gray,	1 02
J. McCarty,	6 24
Edward Stevens,	1 56
Warren A. Stevens,	1 56

Loren H. Flanders,	\$ 1 00	
Wm. H. Thomas,	7 50	
Clinton Foote,	1 50	
Wm. H. Johnson,	1 50	
Taylor D. Lakin,	69 07	
Job D. Thomas,	4 14	
Lorenzo Rogers,	5 25-	\$103 40

On H. J. Burt's list of 1880.

Levi Colby, overtax,	\$ 2 90	
Henry F. Cilley,	2 45	
George Herrick,	1 45	
Fred Long,	1 45	
Andy Holt,	1 45	
Samuel W. Eaton,	4 26	
Chas. F. Balch, overtax,	7 72	
Horace Rogers, "	14 50	
John F. Dodge, "	7 98	
Archibald Winn, on cow,	48-	\$44 64

TOWN LIABILITIES.

John Dodge's Congregational Society note, given		
Feb. 6th, 1876,	\$ 200 74	
Alfred Rogers, March 1st, 1876,	669 10	
John W. Flagg, Jan. 2nd, 1877,	1784 81	
Isaac Proctor, Feb. 19th, 1877,	96 51	
S. C. A. Hodgkins, March 1st, 1877,	172 61	
Dorcas P. Flagg, Feb. 10th, 1878,	1562 72	
Wesley Wilson, Feb. 22nd, 1878,	140 02	
Rachel Wilson, March 1st, 1880,	318 00	
John W. Flagg, Feb. 27th, 1879,	105 95	
Mrs. J. A. Whittemore, March 1st, 1880,	756 04	
Betsey Burt,	337 54	
William Eaton,	927 19	
William Eaton,	200 00-	\$7271 23

Against this indebtedness we have the following assets :

Taxes uncollected on Burt's list of 1880, less		
\$22 13,	\$795 88	
S. A. Walker's note,	44 64-	\$839 52

We have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. FLEMING, }
HARTWELL LAKIN, } Auditors.

Bennington, March 1st, 1881.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON.

Town of Bennington to Wesley Wilson,

Dr.

1880.

March 17,	to one day filling blanks,	\$ 2 00
	“ two days distributing blanks,	4 00
	“ $\frac{1}{2}$ day writ'g names on invoice b'k,	1 00
	“ 3 days taking invoice,	6 00
	“ $\frac{1}{4}$ day posting notices,	50
	“ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days receiving blanks,	5 00
	“ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days making taxes,	19 00
	“ 1 day making returns to state,	2 00
	“ $\frac{1}{2}$ day making enrollment,	1 00
	“ 1 day dividing school money, etc.,	2 00
Oct. 9,	“ 1 day running town lines,	2 00
“ 11,	“ 1 day running town lines,	2 00
	“ 1 day writing and post'g warrants,	2 00

1881.

Jan. 22,	“ 1 day mak'g ret'rns to census office,	2 00
Feb. 23,	“ $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling town accounts,	1 00
“ 24,	“ 1 day settling town accounts,	2 00
	Postage,	36-
		\$54 86

To George S. Holt,

Dr.

To 17 days services as 2nd selectman, \$34 00

To E. A. Holt,

Dr.

To 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ days services as 3d selectman, \$24 75
 “ 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ days board, 8 25- \$33 00

BENNINGTON TOWN LIBRARY.

The Library Committee submit the following report :

Hartwell Lakin's account,

DR.

Received from town for books,	\$10 00	
“ “ “ furnishing room,	10 00	
“ “ “ lumber for shelves,	4 05	
Money contributed by citizens,	1 43	
Received for stain,	17-	\$25 65

CR.

April 7, J. E. King for lumber,	\$5 18	
“ 10, W. E. Downes, nails, butts & screws,	30	
“ “ Smith Brothers, two hasps,	10	
May 11, H. Lakin, for stove,	3 00	
“ “ W. E. Downes, for screws,	24	
“ “ C. J. Kimball, for paper,	10	
“ “ S. Forsaith, for stove pipe,	2 70	
May 11, C. H. Kimball, for stain,	15	
June 2, H. Lakin, for spirits, oil and japan,	33	
“ 3, W. E. Downes, for shellac,	1 00	
“ 12, F. A. Thompson, for printing,	1 25	
July 23, H. Lakin, for book,	30	
Aug. 4, Cash paid C. H. Kimball,	11 00-	\$25 65

Hartwell Lakin resigned Aug. 4th, and J. F. Dodge was appointed in his stead. Committee met and reorganized on the 14th day of January, 1881, and elected C. H. Kimball, chairman; A. B. Lawrence, secretary; J. F. Dodge, treasurer.

C. H. Kimball's account :

DR.

Aug. 4, Received of H. Lakin,	\$11 00	
“ 6, “ “ subscription paper,	3 68	
“ 6, “ “ from sale of catalogues.	2 55	
Nov. 26, “ “ fines,	1 83	
Dec. 7, “ “ of town treas., A. W. Gray		
present,	2 00	
Received cash of treasurer,	35-	\$21 41

CR.

Paid on Manuscript to Peterboro'	\$	15	
“ Farnum & Scott for Catalogues,		9	00
“ for miscellaneous expences,			28
“ express on catalogues,			15
“ fare to Peterboro' and return,			90
“ expences on catalogues,			93
“ A. Williams & Co., for library books by hand of Mrs. J. D. Butler,		9	00
“ for one blank book,		1	00— \$21 41
Treasurer's account.			

DR.

Cash received by Mrs. J. D. Butler, the pro- ceeds of the entertainment given for the benefit of the town library,	\$61	61	
Cash in librarian's hands,	1	84—	\$63 45

CR.

By cash paid C. H. Kimball,	\$	0	35	
“ “ “ ex. on books,		0	25—	\$ 0 60

J. F. DODGE, Treasurer.

Bennington, Feb. 25, 1881.

The Library committee met at their room Monday Evening, Feb. 21st, 1881, for the purpose of examining the books, and found them all returned and in good condition.

The committee received from the Circulating Library 235 volumes, and as per vote of town, the committee purchased 11 volumes, and, through the influence of Mrs. John D. Butler, the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, presented this association with 32 volumes, and promise several more, for which we are very grateful. By the generous contribution of citizens and friends of the town, the number of volumes is now swelled to 335, a gain of 100 volumes since the opening of the library on the 23d of July, 1880. The librarian's book shows that there are 146 names of parties that have taken books from the library; it being more than one to every four of population of the town.

This your committee respectfully submit.

C. H. KIMBALL,	} Library Committee.
A. B. LAWRENCE,	
J. F. DODGE,	

REPORT OF THE SEXTON FOR THE TOWN OF BEN-
NINGTON TO FEB. 24, 1881.

NAMES.	AGE.	DIED.	DISEASE.	PLACE OF INTERMENT
	y. m. d.			
Nancy Parmenter, Wife of Isaac Proctor, Phebe F. Burnham,	81 75	June 28 Oct. 31 1881	Paralysis. Consumpt'n	Antrim. Greenfield.
Henry Selley, Lila Newton,	34 11	Jan. 10 Feb. 7	Accident. Cer'broSpin al Meningit is	Bennington. "

Respectfully Submitted,

M. M. GEORGE, Sexton.

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